



# City of Corvallis Police Department

Fiscal Year 2011/12

Annual Report

## Message from the Chief of Police

### MISSION

Our Mission is to enhance community livability by working in partnership with the community to promote public safety and crime prevention through education and enforcement; to maintain public order while preserving the legal rights of all individuals; to provide effective, efficient and courteous service; and to reduce the impact of crime.

The year of 2011/12 brought changes to the Department. We honored the careers of several retirees, whom we had the pleasure to work with for 20 to 30 years. We wish them the very best. The City of Corvallis Police Department will continue our problem-solving, community policing philosophy by working in partnership and collaboration with citizen groups, business groups, individuals and organizations throughout Corvallis.

We seek to enhance livability by promoting public safety and crime prevention while maintaining public order with a focus on preserving the legal rights



Chief Jonathan M. Sassaman

of all individuals.

Also we recognize our responsibility to the City of Corvallis in providing efficient and effective policing services with an emphasis on customer service. The Department continues its commitment to sustaining our compliance

with the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA), the highest professional Law Enforcement standards. Being internationally accredited places the City of Corvallis Police Department within the top 1% of law enforcement agencies in the United States which demonstrate performance consistent with standards of police excellence.

This coming year, we will continue our collaborative work throughout Corvallis, seek innovative and creative solutions to providing policing services and begin the process of enhancing communication through social media.

### Department awarded Meritorious Re-Accreditation

The Police Department became internationally accredited in 1995 through the Commission on Law Enforcement Accreditation, Inc. (CALEA). Following a comprehensive on-site inspection in November 2011 of policies, procedures, and operations, the Department was re-accredited and awarded the Meritorious Award for receiving its 5<sup>th</sup> CALEA Reaccreditation in March 2012. CALEA developed a comprehensive set of 480 written standards covering every aspect of law enforcement policies, procedures, best practices and operations. As a meritorious accredited police agency, the City of Corvallis Police Department has consistently demonstrated practices over a 15 year period that are in line with international standards, assuring the community of the highest quality police services. In doing so, the Police Department has joined a select number of agencies internationally that have achieved this standard of excellence.



## Successful "Icebreaker 2" Investigation into Major Drug Trafficking Organization

Working in partnership with the Oregon Department of Justice for over six months, the joint City of Corvallis Police Department/Benton County Sheriff's Office Street Crimes Unit successfully completed the "Icebreaker 2" Drug Trafficking Organization (DTO) investigation this year.

Detectives were able to gain valuable information on how the DTO operated, including sources of supply, roles of the organization members, co-conspirators, types and quantities of drugs sold, locations drugs are hidden, and vehicles used for drug trafficking. Grant funds helped to support the investigation. The investigation revealed the DTO was committing various drug offense involving

Methamphetamine and Heroin, and Racketeering.

The collaborative efforts culminated on March 13, 2012, when law enforcement officers from multiple jurisdictions throughout Oregon participated in serving 19 simultaneous search warrants.

This major investigative effort resulted in the arrest of 28 people and the seizure of 6.34 pounds of Methamphetamine, 13.11 pounds of Heroin, 3.18 pounds of Cocaine, 28 weapons and over \$137,000 in cash. Conservatively, the drugs have a street value of up to \$3.5 million and equate to 200,000 "highs." Removing these illegal narcotics helped curb a large problem that contributes to many other crimes.



### Report OnLine!

Need to report a minor property crime? Abandoned Bike? Vandalism? Lost Property? Use the City of Corvallis Police Department CopLogic on-line reporting system at your convenience and from your own home computer or laptop wherever you are. You can report in English or Spanish and print a free copy of your report. The Department received 646 online reports in 2011 alone—saving you time and over \$32,300 for the Department. Just go to [www.corvallispolice.com](http://www.corvallispolice.com) to get started.



Do you want to know what is going on in your neighborhood? Have you ever wanted to provide an anonymous tip on a particular crime? If so, you can access your local crime map and sign up for daily, weekly, or monthly email crime alerts by going to [www.CrimeReports.com](http://www.CrimeReports.com) or at the City of Corvallis Police Department's website at [www.corvallispolice.com](http://www.corvallispolice.com).

If you are interested in crimes occurring throughout Corvallis you will be able to get reliable and timely information on where, when and what types of crimes or enforcement activity is occurring in the City. Current data is updated every 12 hours and information for the past six months can be viewed.

## 911 Communications Upgrades

The Corvallis Regional Communications Center serves 10 public safety agencies (law enforcement, fire, medical) throughout Corvallis and Benton County. The Center has been evaluated by the Association of Public Safety Officials, International, and most recently by Emergency Services Consulting, International, to examine the services provided and the means to sustain this critical service into the future as the demands on the 911 Center increase. The Police Depart-

ment, in partnership with the Benton County Sheriff's Office, the Philomath Police Department, Albany Police Department and the Linn County Sheriff's Office have sought and received federal grants over the past several years to improve the emergency communications radio network by

structuring a 700 Mhz trunked radio system which complements the existing VHF system which has been in use since the early 1980's. This new trunked system provides for emergency communications beyond both Benton and Linn Counties. This is a much needed improvement to the emergency communications system.



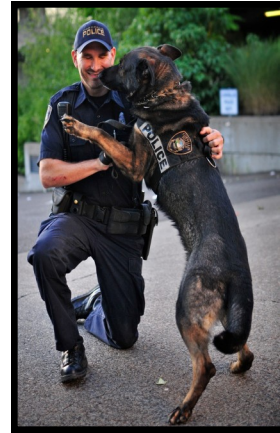
## Police Canine Xar Wins "Top Dog" Award for 5th Time



On June 16th Corvallis' canine team, Xar and handler, Officer Jason Harvey, took top honors at the Springfield, Oregon Police Canine Competition attaining the prestigious title "Top Dog 2012." The team competed against 10 other Canine teams from around the State. The "Top Dog" award is given to the Canine team who places highest overall in 5 timed events, including: Suspect Apprehension,

Handler Protection, Area Searches, Agility Course, and Fastest Dog. The events test the team in real world scenarios by demonstrating speed, control, and accuracy. Canine Xar and Officer Harvey placed first in both Suspect Apprehension and Handler protection, both of which require significant control and speed. The team also medaled in the Fastest Dog event and Agility Course. Attaining this high level of performance has been the result of many years of

hard training. Canine Xar and Officer Harvey train a minimum of 16 hours per month while on duty. What's even more impressive is that Canine Xar and Officer Harvey have won the "Top Dog" award at the Springfield Canine Competition 5 out of 9 years. In the year history never been another team who won more than Jason Harvey the Department-1997 and has training officer, instructor and a handler. Canine Xar is an 8 year old German Shepherd, born in March 2004. Xar came to the United States and joined the Corvallis Police

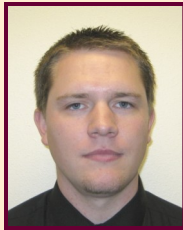


the last 7 event's 30 there has been other canine the event twice. Officer Harvey has been with the department since served as a firearms instructor prior to becoming a handler. Canine Xar is an 8 year old German Shepherd, born in March 2004. Xar came to the United States and joined the Corvallis Police

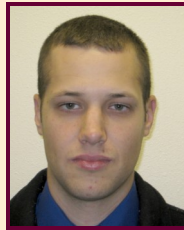
### New Faces



Officer Taylor Lawrence



Officer Matthew Seney



Officer Andrew Christoson



Officer Stanley Fisher



Parking Enforcement  
Officer Kristine Steeves



Records Specialist  
Linda Doig

### Retirements



Retiring Police Chief Gary Boldizsar receives a certificate from City Manager Jim Patterson

This year saw the retirement of three long time employees whose combined service to the Department was over 76 years.

**Chief Gary Boldizsar** retired after 27 years with the Department, and 42 years in the law enforcement profession. Gary served as a Police Officer, Detective, Sergeant, Lieutenant and Captain prior to taking over as Chief of Police in 2003. Throughout his 27 years Gary was committed to providing the Corvallis community the most professional of police services.

**Officer Phil Howrey** spent over 18 years with the Department and 29 years in law enforcement. Phil was a Patrol Officer, member of the Community Resource Team, Canine Handler and, most recently, a Motorcycle Traffic Officer. Phil also served as a Field/Police Training Officer, Deputy Medical Examiner, Bicycle Officer and Emergency Vehicle Operations Instructor. Phil brought a common sense and calm approach to all that he did.

**Debra Hyatt** was with the Department for over 31 years. For 25 of those years she was a 9-1-1 Public Safety Dispatcher, handling thousands of police, fire and medical emergency calls for service. For the past six years Debra had been with the Records Unit, processing police reports and assisting police officers navigate the automated report writing process. Debra brought a very skilled and steady approach to her work and was a great resource both to the public and to her fellow staff.

Police Officer  
Phillip Howrey



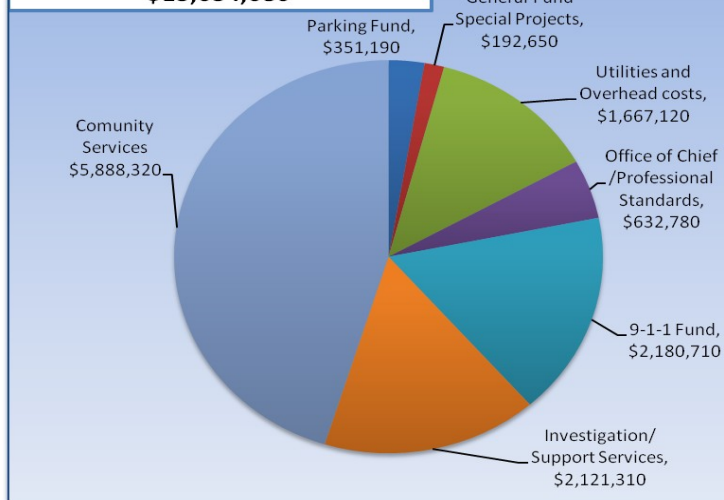
Records Specialist  
Debra Hyatt



## Corvallis Police Department Facts

	2010	2011	% Change
Public Safety Dispatches	36,926	39,734	7.60%
Total 9-1-1 Center Calls	134,562	136,992	1.80%
Police Units Dispatched	56,326	52,930	-6.03%
Major Felonies	1,757	2,108	19.98%
Incidents Investigated	23,650	26,170	10.66%
Traffic Violations Cited	5,547	6,789	22.39%
Traffic Crashes	304	316	3.94%
Crashes at Top 10 Locations	21	22	4.76%
Parking Citations	18,626	18,243	-2.05%

### FY 11-12 Adopted Operating Budget \$13,034,080



## Resource Directory:

Police-Fire-Medical Emergencies ... **911**  
 Non-Emergency.....541-766-6911  
 General Information (M-F 8am- 5pm) .....541-766-6924  
 Office of the Chief .....541-766-6925  
 Animal Control.....541-766-6924  
 Detectives .....541-766-6975  
 Parking Enforcement.....541-766-6924  
 Cadet Program.....541-766-6578  
 Records (M-F 8am- 5pm) .....541-766-6924  
 Auxiliary Volunteers/Crime Prevention .. .....541-766-6863  
 E-mail address.....Police@orvallisoregon.gov  
 Website address.....www.corvallisoregon.gov  
 Street address.....180 NW 5th St., Corvallis, OR 97330  
 Mailing address... P.O. Box 1083, Corvallis, OR 97339-1083

## 2011 Citizen-Reported Incidents

In 2011 Corvallis Police Officers responded to 23,650 citizen-reported incidents. The following table depicts selected types of reported crimes. Crimes occurring on the Oregon State University Campus are not included here.

Offense Type	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Aggravated Assault	43	45	39	37	45
Arson	16	14	8	24	13
Burglary, Commercial	68	44	101	55	70
Burglary, Residential	173	173	172	162	226
Disorderly Conduct	395	344	279	317	295
Drug Offenses	293	238	192	239	229
DUII	401	171	144	147	140
Forgery/Fraud	233	207	182	191	200
Juvenile Curfew	3	17	10	18	12
Larceny	1414	1294	1636	1393	1665
Liquor Law Offenses	692	508	446	467	538
Motor Vehicle Theft	84	88	69	55	57
Murder/Manslaughter	0	0	1	1	0
Offenses Against Family	38	40	23	26	20
Other Assault	422	389	381	359	320
Rape	12	15	9	12	14
Robbery	14	17	22	18	18
Runaway Juvenile	132	164	147	136	108
Sex Offenses	57	53	68	76	72
Trespass/Prowler*	671	487	789	606	761
Vandalism**	1005	913	1092	858	1038
Weapons Laws	43	51	45	39	39
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6209</b>	<b>5272</b>	<b>5855</b>	<b>5236</b>	<b>5880</b>

\* Trespass/Prowler includes Unlawful Entry into a Motor Vehicle

\*\* Vandalism includes Criminal Mischief

Note: Attempted crime is reported as completed crime (e.g. Attempted Murder)

***Our Fundamental Duty is to  
Serve our Community!***

**VISION:**

We are committed to working together in a problem-solving partnership with our community. We recognize our responsibility to provide superior police services with the highest professional standards, to combat crime and improve the quality of life for the citizens of Corvallis. We will accept this responsibility and hold ourselves accountable for its accomplishment.



## An outstanding year for the Law Enforcement/ Special Olympics Partnership

The Law Enforcement community has had a long standing partnership with Special Olympics to raise funds and this year was a very active and successful year. City of Corvallis Police Department staff participated in the annual Torch Run, and held the third Corvallis Polar Plunge into the Willamette River in February. 420 participants in the plunge raised over \$50,000 for Special Olympics, Oregon.



Sgt Joel Goodwin  
receives the Shriver  
Award from Governor  
Kitzhaber

Sergeant Joel Goodwin has been the Department Liaison to Special Olympics, Oregon for a number of years, and was recently recognized for his efforts as he was awarded the 'Shriver Greatness Award' named after Eunice Kennedy Shriver the founder of Special Olympics.



Corvallis "Copsicles" Plunge into the icy Willamette

Sgt Goodwin participated in the World Games in Greece in Summer 2011, and this award was given to Sgt Goodwin at the annual Governors' Gold Awards.



Annual Torch Run

## Neighborhood Livability:

### A City of Corvallis/Oregon State University Collaboration

Throughout this past year, the City of Corvallis and Oregon State University through executive leadership established specific working groups; Planning, Parking and Traffic, and Neighborhood Livability.

The Police Department is involved in the Parking and Traffic, and Neighborhood Livability efforts. Through these collaborations we have heard from citizens the desire for a structured and consistent policing approach to those events which negatively impact livability within neighborhoods. As a result, the Police Department, operating within the problem solving community policing philosophy, has already enhanced the Greek Liaison Program, educational efforts, and enforcement efforts through the issuing of Special Response Notices, a civil penalty for repeated responses to the same location. As new initiatives and ideas are developed through these partnerships, together we will make a difference.